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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: (Confidential) Project Grayback

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1. The Department of the Air Force plans to implement Project (C) Grayback on 1 November 1955. [REDACTED] of your Agency is knowledgeable of this project and has been briefed on Air Force plans in this connection by Col George W. Gregg of the Directorate of Intelligence.

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2. It is anticipated that beginning about 15 November 1955, approximately 200 rolls per week of unprocessed aerial film will be arriving at a processing center within the United States. The Aeronautical Chart and Information Center has been assigned the responsibility for the initial exploitation of the raw data. This responsibility includes indexing of photography and initial photo interpretation reporting.

3. In order for the ACIC to carry out its complete responsibility, it will be necessary to assemble, organize and train a competent photo interpretation unit at the processing center. Under present plans, it will be necessary for personnel of this unit to be in place on 1 October 1955. We expect that the photo interpreters will be returned to their parent organization about 1 March 1956.

4. We presently plan to divide the photo interpretation unit into three major sections, primarily associated with the Western Soviet Bloc, Central USSR and Eastern Soviet Bloc respectively. Sections will be divided into teams primarily associated with certain WAC sheet areas. Sufficient flexibility will be built into the organization of the unit that day-to-day fluctuations may be adequately compensated for. This unit will prepare and periodically disseminate Initial Grayback Photo Interpretation Reports. Each report will be based on a specific geographic area, will portray graphically the photo coverage received during the period, and concisely identify and describe items of intelligence interests which have been photographed. Recipients of these initial reports may order specific photo products to meet their requirements directly from Photo Records and Services Division, ACIC.

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5. [REDACTED] is invited to plan to assign three (3) photo interpreters to this photo interpretation unit during its temporary duty period; one (1) to each of the geographic sections referenced in paragraph 4. Although we anticipate that your representatives will be under the operational control of the respective Section Chief, you should designate one of them to act as liaison between your [REDACTED] and the Grayback Project. This identified individual must possess a TOP SECRET clearance; all your representatives must possess at least a SECRET clearance.

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6. It is anticipated that personnel of your photo interpretation contingent will return to your [REDACTED] with a wealth of knowledge regarding your area of intelligence interest. The experience gained by the selected personnel will enhance materially your exploitation of the products available as a result of Project Grayback.

John A. Sanford

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MAJOR GENERAL, USAF

ACTING DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE

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